

# BULGARIA ACCEPTS TERMS PROPOSED BY ALLIED COMMANDER

**Official Announcement of Granting Armistice Given Out in Paris—Means Probable Separation of Bulgaria From Central Powers—Has Been in War Few Days Less Than Three Years—Marks Beginning of End of Resistance to Allies in Near East.**

Paris, Sept. 30.—An armistice has been concluded between the Allies and Bulgaria on the Allies own terms. This announcement was made officially today.

London, Sept. 29.—Negotiations are proceeding between the Bulgarian delegates and the Allied command at Saloniki regarding the terms of the armistice proposed by Bulgaria, according to a Reuter telegram from Saloniki.

It is pointed out that the fact that M. Radeff, former member of the Bulgarian cabinet, and former Bulgarian minister at Bern has been added to the delegation, shows that the Bulgarian government is in earnest in its offer. M. Radeff is one of Bulgaria's most skillful and experienced diplomats.

An American, said to be the American chargé d'affaires at Sofia accompanied the Bulgarian delegates to Saloniki to confer with the Allied command relative to an armistice, according to a Berlin telegram received here by way of Copenhagen. It is said by the telegram that "the apparently played a very important part in recent events."

Amsterdam, Sept. 30.—King Ferdinand of Bulgaria has telegraphed to Emperor Charles of Austria, assuring him of his loyalty to the Quadruple Alliance, according to the Neue Freie Presse, which is quoted in despatches reaching here.

Paris, Sept. 30.—Bulgarian representatives agreed to an armistice—probably the first step in Bulgaria's withdrawal from the Alliance with the central powers—a few days less than three years after she entered the war. It was on October 8, 1915, that Bulgaria issued a manifesto announcing her decision to cast her lot against the entente alliance. She had been five months in deciding her course.

In the manifesto issued at the time of her entrance into the ranks of the belligerents, the Bulgarian government declared that her trade interests and economic rights "were inseparably bound up with Turkey, Germany and Austria." Germany had offered Bulgaria for her neutrality the whole of Macedonia including Uskub, Monastir and Ochrida.

A still greater territorial expansion at the expense of Serbia was said to have been offered as a condition of active military assistance.

During the period of Bulgarian neutrality both the entente alliance and the central powers had made offers to Bulgaria and Russia, who for years had protected Bulgarian interests, sent an ultimatum to Bulgaria early in October, 1915. Bulgaria refused the Russian demands.

The Bulgarian manifesto said Bulgaria did not believe in the promises of the Entente and that "Bulgaria must fight at the victor's side." It was reported at that time, and never authoritatively denied, that a secret treaty had been signed between Bulgaria and Germany concerning Bulgarian participation in the war on July 17, 1915.

Bulgaria was invaded by British troops at a point north of Saloniki and on Sept. 7, General Franchet d'Espèrey, the Allied Generalissimo, announced that he had received from the Bulgarian government a proposal that military operations be suspended pending negotiations for an armistice. Pending discussion of the Bulgarian proposal by the Allied governments, the French general said he would not stop fighting but would receive representatives of the Bulgarian army. The Bulgarian representatives reached Saloniki Saturday and negotiations were opened Sunday.

As the armistice has been arranged on terms laid down by the Allies, it is probable that it calls for the occupation of Bulgaria by Allied troops with the assistance of the Bulgarian government. Bulgaria probably will cheer. At other places where the fighting continued furiously the Americans, working their machine and rifles, cheered as they worked.

The ground was littered with German dead and the same was true of other sections of the front. Deep progress was reported virtually everywhere.

It is reported that the British have reached Batturelle, having taken Leau wood and Les Vertes, and are in the suburbs of Cambrai. Canadian troops are fighting here and it is possible that by this time they are in the town itself. Cambrai soon must fall.

Hard fighting occurred north of the Cambrai-Bapaume road. The village of Biebut was captured by the Canadians.

In the north, the British are working through Ploegsteert. It is reported that they have reached Stives and are in Costravene. The water-damnech.

## IMPORTANT GAINS MADE BY BRITISH AND AMERICANS

**Attacked Sunday on Front North of St. Quentin—Pass Through LeCateau.**

With the American Forces North of St. Quentin, Sunday, Sept. 29.—(By The Associated Press)—American divisions brilliantly attacked on a front of considerable length in conjunction with the British this morning. At nightfall they were reported to have gained their objectives. Enemy losses were heavy.

Between St. Quentin and the important gains were made today by the British, Belgians and Americans. An American unit is reported to have passed through LeCateau and to have reached Gouy. Other units which captured Nauroy have passed through Le Caberet wood. Early in the forenoon thirty-six German officers and 1,000 of other ranks had reached the American collecting cages.

It was at 6 o'clock this morning when the Americans, with the British on their right and left flanks, "shoved off" from the Hindenburg outpost line, about 2,000 yards west of the St. Quentin canal, which was captured on Friday. After a short "crash" barrage, the infantry, preceded by a large number of tanks, started advancing through the haze.

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## PASSAGE OF THE SUFFRAGE BILL URGED IN SENATE

**President Wilson Makes Personal Appeal in Senate for Votes for Women.**

Washington, Sept. 30.—President Wilson today stepped into the breach of the Senate fight over the Woman Suffrage resolution and in a personal address in the Senate chamber asked for its passage as a war measure.

The President addressed the Senate as follows:

"Gentlemen of the Senate: The unusual circumstances of a world war in which we stand and are judged in the view not only of our own people and our own consciences, but also in the view of all nations and people will, I hope, justify in your thought, as it does in mine, the message I have come to bring you.

"I regard the concurrence of the Senate in the constitutional amendment proposing the extension of the suffrage to women as vitally essential to the successful prosecution of the great war of humanity in which we are engaged. I have come to urge upon you the consideration of this measure, not to that conclusion. It is not only my privilege, it is also by duty to apprise you of every circumstance and element involved in this momentous struggle which seems to me to affect its very processes and its outcome. It is my duty to win the war and to ask you to remove every obstacle that stands in the way of winning it.

"I had assumed that the Senate would concur in the amendment because no disputable principle is involved, but only a question of the method by which the suffrage is to be extended to women. There is and can be no party issue involved in it.

Both of our great national parties are pledged, explicitly, to the equality of suffrage for the women of the country. Neither party, therefore, it seems to me, can justify hesitation as to the method of obtaining it, can rightfully hesitate to substitute Federal initiative for state initiative, if the early adoption of this measure is necessary to the successful prosecution of the war and if the method of state action proposed in the party platforms of 1916 is impracticable, within any reasonable length of time, if practical at all. And its adoption is, in my judgment, clearly necessary to the successful realization of the objects for which the war is being fought.

"That judgment, I take the liberty of urging upon you with solemn earnestness for reasons which I shall state very frankly and which I hope will seem to you as conclusive as they seem to me.

"This is a people's war and the people's thinking constitute its atmosphere and its moral, not the predilections of the drawing room or the political considerations of the caucus. If we are indeed democrats and wish to leave the world to democracy, we can ask other peoples to accept in proof of our sincerity and our ability to lead them whether they wish to be nothing less persuasive and convincing than our actions. Our professions will not suffice. Verification must be forthcoming when verification is asked for. And in this case verification is asked for—asked for in this particular matter. You ask by whom? Not through diplomatic channels, not by foreign ministers, but by the intimations of parliament. It is asked for by the anxious, expectant, suffering peoples with whom we are dealing and who are willing to put their destinies in some measure in our hands, if they are sure that we wish the same things that they do.

"I do not speak my conjecture. It is not alone the voices of statesmen and of newspapers that reach me and the voices of foolish and intemperate agitators do not reach me at all. Through many, many changes I have been made aware with the plain, struggling, workaday folk are thinking, upon whom the chief terror and suffering of this tragic war falls. They are looking to the great, powerful, famous democracy of the west to lead them to the new day for which they have so long waited; and they think, in their logical simplicity that democracy means that women shall play their part in affairs alongside men and upon an equal footing with them.

If we reject measures like this in ignorance and defiance what a new age has brought forth, of what they have seen, but we have not, they will cease to believe us; they will cease to follow or to trust us.

"They have seen their own governments accept this interpretation of democracy—seen old governments like that of Great Britain, which did not profess to be democratic, promise readily and, as of course, this justice, to women, though they had before refused it, the strange reverses of this war having made many things new and plain to governments as well as to peoples.

"Are we alone to refuse to learn the lesson? Are we alone to ask and take the utmost that our women can give—service and sacrifice of every kind—and still say we do not see what title that gives them to stand by our sides in the guidance of the affairs of their nation and ours? We have made partners of the women in this war; shall we admit them only to a partnership of suffering and sacrifice and toil and not to a partnership of privileges and right?

"This war could not have been fought, either by the other nations engaged or by America if it had not been for the services of the women—services rendered in every sphere—not merely in the fields of efforts in which we have been accustomed to see them work, but upon the very skirts and edges of the battle itself. We shall not only be disgraced but shall be destroyed should we not enfranchise them with the fullest possible enfranchisement, as it is now certain that the other great free nations will enfranchise them. We can

not isolate our thought and action in such a matter from the thought of the rest of the world. We must either conform or deliberately reject what they propose and resign the leadership of liberal minds to others.

"The women of America are too noble and too intelligent and too devoted to be players whether you give or withhold this thing that is mere justice; but I know the magic it will work in their thoughts and spirits if you give it to them. I propose as I would propose to admit soldiers to the suffrage, the men fighting in the field for our liberties, and the liberties of the world, were they excluded. The tasks of the women lie at a very heart of the war and I know how much stronger that heart will beat if you do this just thing and show our women that you trust them as much as you in fact and of necessity depend upon them.

"Have I said that the passage of this amendment is a necessary war measure and do you need further proof? Do you stand in need of the trust of other peoples and of the trust of our women? Is that trust an asset, or is it not?

I tell you plainly, as the commander in chief of our armies and of the gallant men in our fleet, the present spokesman of this people in our dealings with the men and women throughout the world who now are our partners, as the responsible head of a great government which stands and is questioned day by day as to its purposes, its principles, its hopes when they are made serviceable to men everywhere or only to itself, and who must himself answer these questions, or be shamed, as the guide and director of forces caught in the grip of war and by the same token in need of every material and spiritual resource this great nation possesses, I tell you plainly, as the commander in chief of our armies and of the gallant men in our fleet, the present spokesman of this people in our dealings with the men and women throughout the world who now are our partners, as the responsible head of a great government which stands and is questioned day by day as to its purposes, its principles, its hopes 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